



## Reading Toolkit: Grade 4 Objective 3.A.3.d

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Standard 3.0 Comprehension of Literary Text

Topic A. Comprehension of Literary Text

Indicator 3. Use elements of narrative texts to facilitate understanding

Objective d. Identify and analyze the characters

Assessment Limits:

Character's traits based on what character says, does, and thinks and what other characters or the narrator says

Character's motivations

Character's personal growth and development

Selected Response (SR) Item

Question

Read the poems titled '[Roller Coaster](#)' and '[Carousel](#)' and answer the following questions. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

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- B. Each speaker notices the noise of the ride.
- C. Each speaker has fun with a different kind of ride.
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Correct Answer

- C. Each speaker has fun with a different kind of ride.

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Handouts

## Roller Coaster

By Rebecca Kai Dotlich

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SLOW and steady,  
hold on,  
get ready,  
oh so  
slow it climbs,  
    turtling,  
        turtling,  
            turtling up,  
you know the drill  
of the thrill:  
how it creeps  
    crawls,  
stalls  
for a spell—  
an almost-stop  
on top—  
    then WHOOOSSSHH,  
  
d  
o  
w  
n  
    (into) the dip,  
back up,  
around,  
hugging  
the armored  
humpback track;  
*claketyclaketyclaketyclack.*

## Carousel

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On thin golden poles  
gliding up, sliding down,  
a kingdom of horses  
goes spinning around

*Jumper, Brown Beauty,  
Dark Thunder, Sir Snow,*  
a medley of ponies  
parade in a row.

Settled in saddles,  
their riders hold on  
to reins of soft leather  
while circling along

on chestnut or charcoal,  
on sleek Arctic white,  
on silver they gallop  
in place day and night.

Such spinning is magic,  
(to dream as you sail)  
with lavender saddle  
and ebony tail,

whirling to music  
in moonlight, spellbound,  
galloping, galloping,  
merrily go round.